

Nos. 25-5144, 25-5145, 25-5150, 25-5151

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**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT**

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PATSY WIDAKUSWARA, ET AL.,  
Plaintiffs-Appellees, v.  
KARI LAKE, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE ACTING CEO OF  
THE U.S. AGENCY FOR GLOBAL MEDIA, ET AL.,  
Defendants-Appellants,

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MICHAEL ABRAMOWITZ, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF VOICE OF  
AMERICA, ET AL.,  
Plaintiffs-Appellees, v.  
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MIDDLE EAST BROADCASTING NETWORKS, INC.,  
Plaintiff-Appellee, v.  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL.,  
Defendants-Appellants,

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RADIO FREE ASIA,  
Plaintiff-Appellee, v.  
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Defendants-Appellants,

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On Appeals from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia Nos. 25-  
cv-1015, 25-cv-887, 25-cv-966, 25-cv-907 (Hon. Royce C. Lamberth)

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**NOTICE OF INTENT OF FORMER U.S. FOREIGN  
POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AND  
OTHER EXPERTS ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY TO  
PARTICIPATE AS AMICI CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF  
APPELLEES**

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Pursuant to Rule 29(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and Rule 29(b) of the D.C. Circuit, following amici—Elliott Abrams, Ilan Berman, Stephen Biegun, Admiral Dennis Blair, Johnnie Carson, Lisa Curtis, Richard J. Danzig, Eric S. Edelman, Nancy Ely-Raphael, Carl Gershman, Frank Kendall, Deborah A. McCarthy, Ambassador Derek Mitchell, John Negroponte, Thomas R. Pickering, William Howard Taft IV, and General Joe Votel-- hereby notify this Court of their intent to participate as *amici curiae* in this case and file a brief in support of Plaintiffs-Appellees. Counsel for all parties have consented to the filing of this *amicus curiae* brief. The interests of the amici in the affirmance of the District Court's preliminary injunction and the continued vitality of the Voice of America are stated in the brief submitted on July 22, 2025 and submitted in corrected form on July 30, 2025.

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